

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 2, lines 1-18 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Currently, the most commonly employed method of transferring data over the Internet is to employ the World Wide Web environment, also called simply "the web." Other Internet resources exist for transferring information, such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP) and Gopher, but have not achieved the popularity of the web. In the web environment, servers and clients effect data ~~transaction~~ transactions using the Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP), a known protocol for handling the transfer of various data files (e.g., text, still graphic images, audio, motion video, etc.). Information is formatted for presentation to a user by a standard page description language, the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). In addition to basic presentation formatting, HTML allows developers to specify "links" to other web resources identified by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL). A URL is a special syntax identifier defining a communications path to specific information. Each logical block of information accessible to a client, called a "page" or a "web page," is identified by a URL. The URL provides a universal, consistent method for finding and accessing this information by the web "browser." A browser is a program capable of submitting a request for information identified by a URL at the client machine. Retrieval of information on the web is generally accomplished with an HTML-compatible browser, such as, for example, Netscape Communicator, which is available from Netscape Communications Corporation. --

Please replace the paragraph appearing on page 3, lines 6-11 of the specification, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In addition to providing a medium for transmitting documents as hypertext, the World Wide Web can also function as a user interface to a remote computer system. For instance, some retail web sites, such as [{"amazon.com"}] Amazon provide an interface to a product-ordering system, so that customers can order products online. Other websites,

such as [{"download.com,"}] Download, allow users to download program files to install onto their computer systems. --